

REMARKS

Prior to this amendment, Claims 1-15 were pending in the application, with Claims 1 and 9 being the independent claims. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.

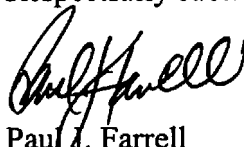
As indicated above, Claims 1, 3, 5, 9, 10, and 12 have been amended. No new matter has been presented. Claims 1-15 are now pending, with Claims 1 and 9 as independent claims.

Regarding the §112 rejection of Claims 1-15, the Examiner states that Claims 1 and 9 fail to disclose the limitation, “searching a content corresponding to the content information in a database and registering the searched content as secondhand content.” (Office Action, page 2). Claims 1 and 9 have accordingly been amended to recite, “registering a content corresponding to the content information in a database” and “in reply to a request by a buyer to buy the secondhand content, searching for the corresponding secondhand content.” These limitations are described in the Specification of the present application, including at page 7, lines 13-29, which describes steps S112 through S118 of FIG. 2, wherein secondhand content is registered, and then the secondhand content is searched for according to a secondhand content request from a buyer terminal. Therefore, the limitations of amended Claims 1 and 9 comply with the written description requirement of §112, first paragraph. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1 and 9 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-8 and 10-15 are dependent claims, and are believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the reasons given above with regard to their respective independent Claims 1 and 9.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-15 are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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